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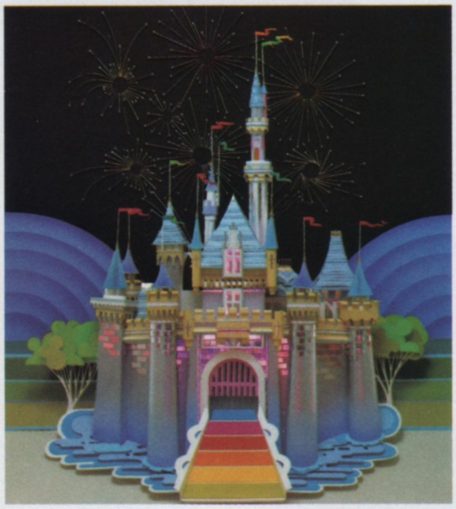

Cover Story: The striking and colorful paper sculpture on our cover was designed especially to commemorate Disneyland's 25th Birthday celebration year, 1980. A portion of this issue is devoted to a historical recap of the Park's first quarter-century of operation.

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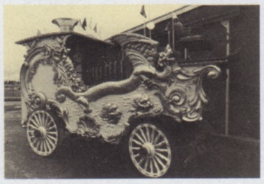

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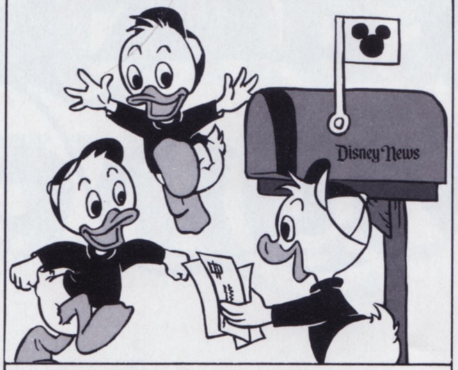

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Sirs:
To the reader who referred to Disneyland as an "amusement park." He should turn in his Magic Kingdom Card!
Sincerely,
Robert L. Bruns
Stone Park, Illinois

Sirs:
What do you plan to do in the Park for Disneyland's 25th anniversary in 1980?
Sincerely,
Joan Grant
Hermosa Beach, California

Read the article in this issue, "Park Heralds 25th Birthday" to find out how Disneyland plans to celebrate a year-long Family Reunion. — ED.

Sirs:
Could you please build another attraction at Disneyland sort of like Space Mountain, but a slower ride?
Sincerely,
Kevin McFadden
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Perhaps Big Thunder Mountain Railroad is what you're looking for. It seems slower and allows time to view the rugged Old West setting of the attraction. — ED.

Disney News wishes to apologize for a printing error in a recent recipe article on "Chicken Crepes Lilly." It should be changed to 6 heaping tbsp. flour and a dash of salt instead of what's called for in the original recipe. — ED.

Howard Johnson's Welcomes Magic Kingdom Club Travelers

From coast to coast in a broad cross section of North America, well-seasoned travelers are familiar with the bright orange roofs and Colonial type architecture that denote the settings of Howard Johnson's Restaurants and Motor Lodges.

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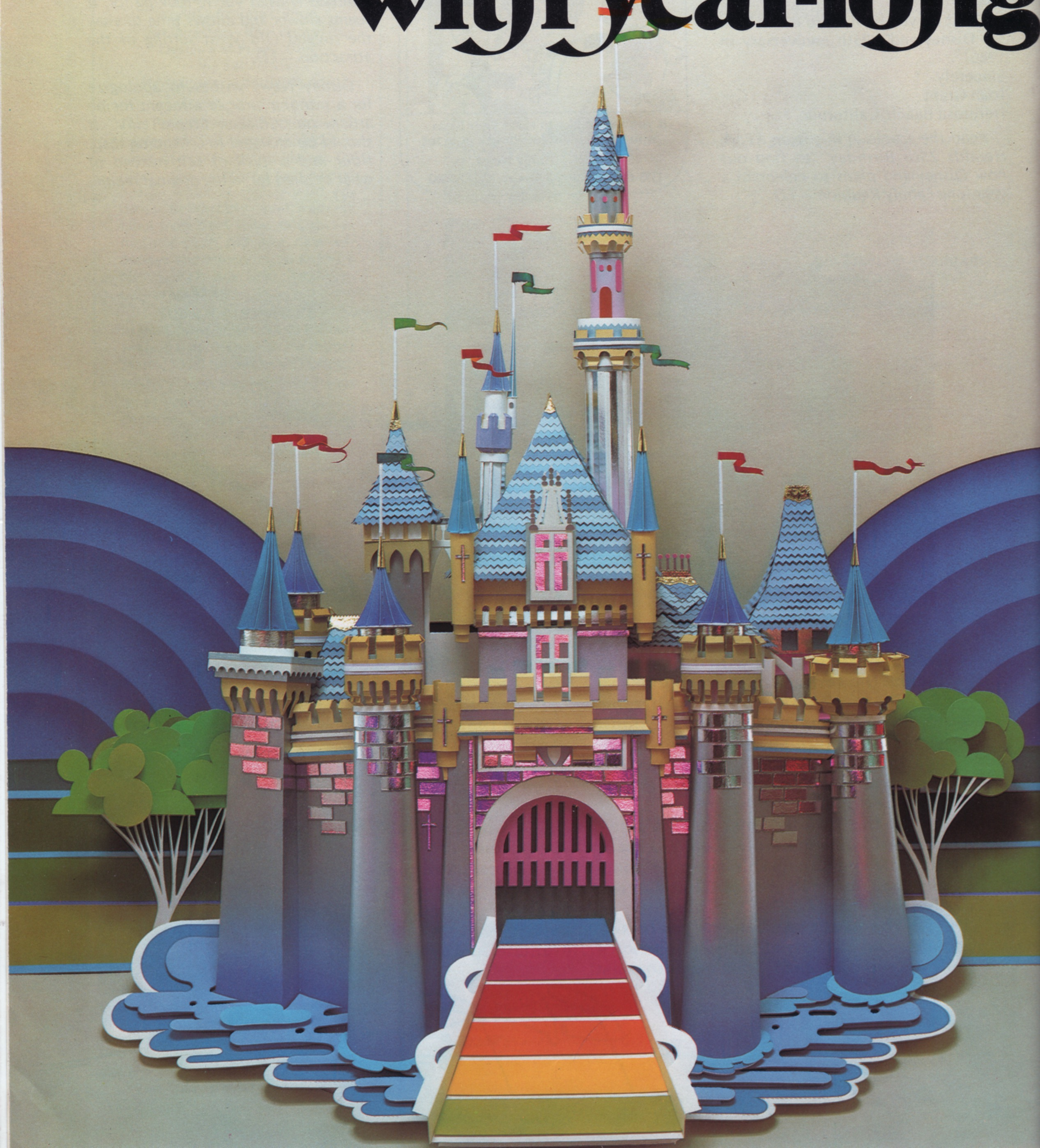
Bob Baldwin

Bob Baldwin
National Director
Magic Kingdom Club

Park Heralds with year-long



25th Birthday FAMILY REUNION

Disneyland has waited 25 years to salute its extra-special friends. In celebration, extra-special events will be featured year-long, along with an old-fashioned *Family Reunion.* There will be daily parades every day the Park is open throughout 1980. Each week, "family" guests will be treated to something new and exciting in the way of musical entertainment, picnics, festivals, fairs, free admission on designated attractions, photo set-ups with Disney characters and much more. And for the actual birthday (July 17), a 25-Hour Party will commence at midnight on July 16, lasting until 1 a.m. July 18! All of this is in addition to the traditional happenings people have come to expect at the Park, like the summer fireworks, big bands, Electrical Parade and the "Very Merry Christmas" Parade. Whether it will be your first or fiftieth visit, you're invited to join in the fun of the year 1980, *your* year for Disneyland . . . because we consider you part of our family.

A Man and His Dream

1955

According to Walt Disney, "Disneyland really began when my two daughters were very young. Saturday was always Daddy's Day, and I would take them to the merry-go-round and sit on a bench eating peanuts. And sitting there, alone, I felt there should be something built, some kind of family park where parents and children could have fun *together*."

Walt's was obviously an idea whose time had come, for, exactly one year and a day after ground was broken on its orange grove site, Disneyland opened its gates to a curious crowd of 28,154 visitors. From the beginning, Disneyland attracted repeat business, plus the interest from visitors all over the world. After only seven weeks, the millionth guest entered Disneyland. As of the first of this year, over 187 million guests had explored the Park.

All was not roses on that memorable July 17 Opening Day which Walt himself referred to later as "Black Sunday." The underestimated attendance made for traffic jams, long lines and frustrations, including numerous mis-cued camera cuts during the live ABC network television coverage. Celebrities were everywhere enjoying the unique rides and atmosphere of "themed" lands. Co-hosts Art Linkletter, Bob Cummings, and Ronald Reagan interviewed entertainers Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.; Buddy Ebsen and Fess Parker (of Davy Crockett fame) called square dances in Frontierland. Debbie Reynolds, Dinah Shore, George Montgomery, James Mason, Eve Arden, and Maureen O'Hara all joined in the festivities.

There were 18 attractions featured on Day One. That number increased to 22 within a few weeks. The most notable were Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the Jungle Cruise and the majestic *Mark Twain* paddlewheel steamboat.

It was indeed a day of jubilation and gaiety, with Orange County presenting a premiere the likes of which had never been seen before anywhere!

Disneyland's future overwhelming success could hardly have been foreseen either by the first Park guests, the press, soothsayers or even the great showman himself. Although Walt must have known his idea had gone beyond his wildest dreams when he stated, "Almost everyone warned us that Disneyland would be a Hollywood spectacular—a spectacular failure. But they were thinking about an amusement park, and we believed in our idea—a *family* park where parents and children could have fun . . . together."

1956

New attractions added to the Park in 1956 proved quickly that Walt Disney was keeping his promise of Disneyland's continued growth. Tom Sawyer Island in Frontierland soon became a favorite escape for young people. Colorful Rainbow Caverns were also added to Frontierland. The Park's spectacular fireworks made their debut in 1956. A new aerial tramway allowed a birds-eye view of Tomorrowland and Fantasyland. And Storybook Land, first called "Canal Boats of the World," was expanded as part of the 1956 two million dollar expansion.

A Small Wonder

Storybook Land is exactly what its name implies . . . a relaxing outdoor boat excursion through lands of miniature homes and hamlets. Banks along the canals are resplendent in small-scale reproductions of Walt Disney Productions' best-loved movie settings, each re-created by Disney experts in exact and painstaking detail. Each individual building, from the home of the Seven Dwarfs to Prince Charming's castle, is hand-crafted right down to the chimneys, window sashes and doorknobs. Tiny flowers and miniature trees grow everywhere, their growth being controlled to

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relate to the small scale of the settings.

Storybook Land is truly a voyage through the never-never land of imagination . . . where idyllic scenes become magically alive, and—in a small way—the best loved fables of childhood become real.

1958

The magnificent vessel *Columbia,* joined the *Mark Twain* in cruising the Frontierland "Rivers of America" in 1958. This full-rigged, three-masted ship is a full-size replica of the first American ship to circumnavigate the globe (1787-1790). The Grand Canyon Diorama was added to the Santa Fe and Disneyland Railroad journey. It is a full-color painting which required 4,800 hours to complete.

1959

In June of 1959, the most ambitious and costly expansion program in Disneyland's history was completed. Additions included the Submarine Voyage, the fabulous Matterhorn Mountain and bobsleds and the smooth and silent Disneyland-Alweg Monorail System which was dedicated by then former Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev was miffed when the U.S. Government barred him from visiting the Park due to security precautions.

1960

"Nature's Wonderland," based on Walt Disney's Academy Award winning True-Life Adventure motion pictures, opened in June of 1960 with: 204 life-like animals, birds and reptiles in a setting of wilderness and desert regions of the American West. Disneyland offered its first Private Party in that year plus its first annual "Dixieland at Disneyland" event.

1961

1961 will be remembered by many of their fans as the year the famous Osmond Brothers appeared in Disneyland's popular Carnation Plaza Gardens. Louis Armstrong entertained for "Dixieland at Disneyland" leading an array of bands on rafts floating down the Rivers of America in Frontierland.

1963

Walt Disney's Enchanted Tiki Room in 1963 unveiled a new medium of three-dimensional entertainment called "Audio-Animatronics," a medium which, in this case, brought to life an amusing collection of birds, flowers, and Tiki gods, but which, in the not-too-distant future, would be used to create effects guests would find much more startling.

1965

"Great Moments With Mr. Lincoln" first amazed visitors with the life-like magic of "Audio-Animatronics" in 1965, opening in a new $1.5 million theater on Main Street U.S.A. Year ten was also celebrated by a year-long tencennial celebration, and Disneyland's first "Fantasy on Parade" was introduced during the Christmas season.

1966

In 1966, Disneyland added its first all-new "land" since its premiere—New Orleans Square. "It's A Small World," opened its enchanting doors to guests in the summer of 1966. On December 15, the whole world mourned the passing of Walt Disney.

1967 The Park introduced one of its finest achievements in Audio-Animatronics wizardry, the "Pirates of the Caribbean," in 1967. The 12th year of operation also saw a whole new Tomorrowland built at a cost of $23 million. New attractions in the new land included: the PeopleMover, Carousel of Progress, Adventure Thru Inner Space, Flight to the Moon, Rocket Jets, the Tomorrowland Terrace and a new 360-degree "Circle-Vision" version of "America the Beautiful."

1969 After more than a decade of development, the long-awaited "Haunted Mansion" —populated by 999 horribly-humorous ghosts and spirits, opened in the summer of 1969. On August 16 an all-time, single-day record was set when 82,516 guests filed through the Disneyland turnstiles.

1970 A fast-paced musical comedy, "Show Me America," was the frosting on the Park's fifteenth birthday cake in 1970. From its opening performance, when members of the press led a standing ovation, through its summer-end closing 124 performances later, the show was acclaimed by audiences and critics alike.

1972 An authentically detailed Indian Village gave way in 1972 to the Park's seventh and newest land, Bear Country. The highlight of the new backwoods setting was a rib-tickling musical revue called Country Bear Jamboree . . . featuring 18 musically-inclined bears and other Audio-Animatronics creatures.

1973 "The Walt Disney Story," tracing the accomplishments of Disney through a rare collection of film footage and memorabilia, replaced "Mr. Lincoln" in 1973. The Lincoln show however, returned in 1975 as a featured part of "The Walt Disney Story."

1974 In 1974, "America Sings," another Audio-Animatronics favorite, replaced the "Carousel of Progress." Disneyland celebrated its 20th Christmas season, highlighted by the Candlelight Caroling ceremony narrated by actor Cary Grant.

1975 "America on Parade," the Park's 15-month salute to our nation's Bicentennial, premiered June 14, 1975. Led by Mickey, Donald and Goofy as the "Spirit of '76," the procession treated guests to a whimsical view of our country's past.

1976 Action in the "Jungle Cruise" attraction was stepped up in 1976 with the addition of new scenes and 31 new members of its Audio-Animatronics animal kingdom. Thanksgiving holidays were enlivened with performances by singer Pearl Bailey aboard a special floating stage on the "Rivers of America."

1977 The most spectacular addition to the Tomorrowland scene was the majestic "Space Mountain" complex, built in 1977 at a cost of $20 million. Along with the high-speed, deep-space adventure itself, the adjoining facilities include a huge amphitheatre, 670-seat fast-food restaurant and an arcade with the latest electronic games. On hand to dedicate the new attraction were Mercury astronauts Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Betty Grissom, widow of Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom.

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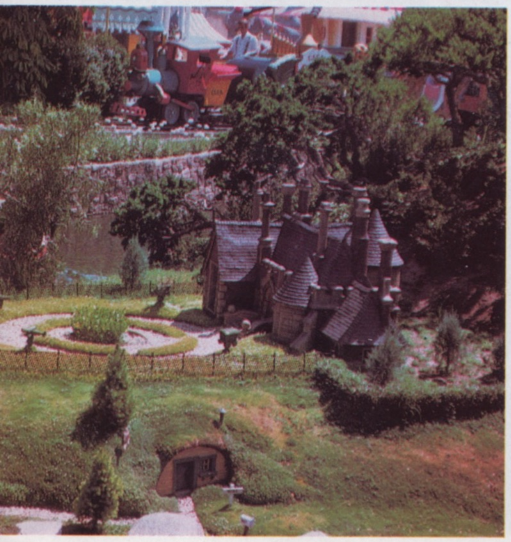

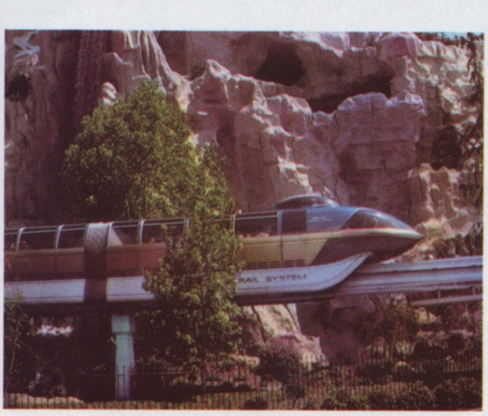

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1978

Major additions in 1978 to the 147-foot high "Matterhorn Mountain" Bobsleds attraction included redesigned bobsleds, misty fog banks, icy caves and the ever elusive Abominable Snowman.

1979

In the Fall of 1979, Disneyland unveiled an exciting new adventure, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. This "runaway" mine train ride is enjoyed by all ages, as it winds its way through a rugged but beautiful setting of the Old West, into underground caverns, past phosphorescent rainbow-colored pools, and beyond the danger of a sudden, ear-shattering avalanche. As 1979 drew to a close, plans for the Park's 1980 silver anniversary events were being made . . . exciting plans for a year-long birthday party!

A Year-long Birthday Party!

1980

The year 1980 will prove to be the most colorful, exciting and eventful year Disneyland has ever known. In fact, every day will be a party day at the Magic Kingdom . . . with its "Family Reunion" theme prevailing throughout the year.

Highlighting a daily "birthday parade" as only Disney could do it, will be a shining black six-horse team of prize Percherons pulling a refurbished 1907 steam calliope. In fact, horses will play a starring role in the parade—pulling a surrey, stagecoaches and Cinderella's crystal coach.

While the parade, banners, decorations and souvenir items will create their own brand of excitement, there is much more to come for the year 1980. As tributes to our friends in foreign lands, there will be a "Festival Canada" on March 1 and 2; a "Festival Japan" on March 22 and 23; and "Festival Mexico," October 18 and 19. On May 3, 10, 17, 24, 25, 31 and June 7, "Encore Nights" will showcase top-name personalities who have performed at the Park in previous years.

There'll be free birthday cake, family photos, noisemakers and hats on the memorable "real birthday" date, July 17 (the **25-Hour Party**).

Daily summer operation and extended hours will begin March 26 and continue through Sept. 13. During the summer season, the Park will present nightly performances of perennial favorites "Fantasy in the Sky" fireworks and the "Main Street Electrical Parade," as well as the greatest names in big bands for listening and dancing.

Established events such as "Pop Country" weekend, Feb. 16-17, will be featured. Other events: "Nite of Joy," March 14, and St. Patrick's Day weekend, March 15-16. "Make Believe Ballroom" weekend will unveil a new event, with music from the '20s, '30s and '40s, on April 26 and 27. Many Thursdays and Fridays will be designated as "Senior Fun Days" during the Spring months.

And of course all of Disneyland's 59 major attractions will serve to make the silver anniversary memories even more unforgettable.

Come bring your family to be part of the Disneyland family during this magical "Family Reunion" year.

DISNEY
WELCOME HOME

Our 1980 Walt Disney World Ambassador, Monica Hallecks, was born in Seoul, Korea, and since her father was in the service, she traveled all over the world. She acquired a thorough knowledge of the German language.

Monica has been studying Marketing at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

She joined the Walt Disney World cast in 1974 working part-time in the Liberty Tree Tavern in the Magic Kingdom. Later, in 1977, she was employed in the Baton Rouge Lounge aboard the *Empress Lilly* riverboat restaurant in Lake Buena Vista.

Monica likes to keep active, playing tennis, water skiing, and dancing in her "spare" time.

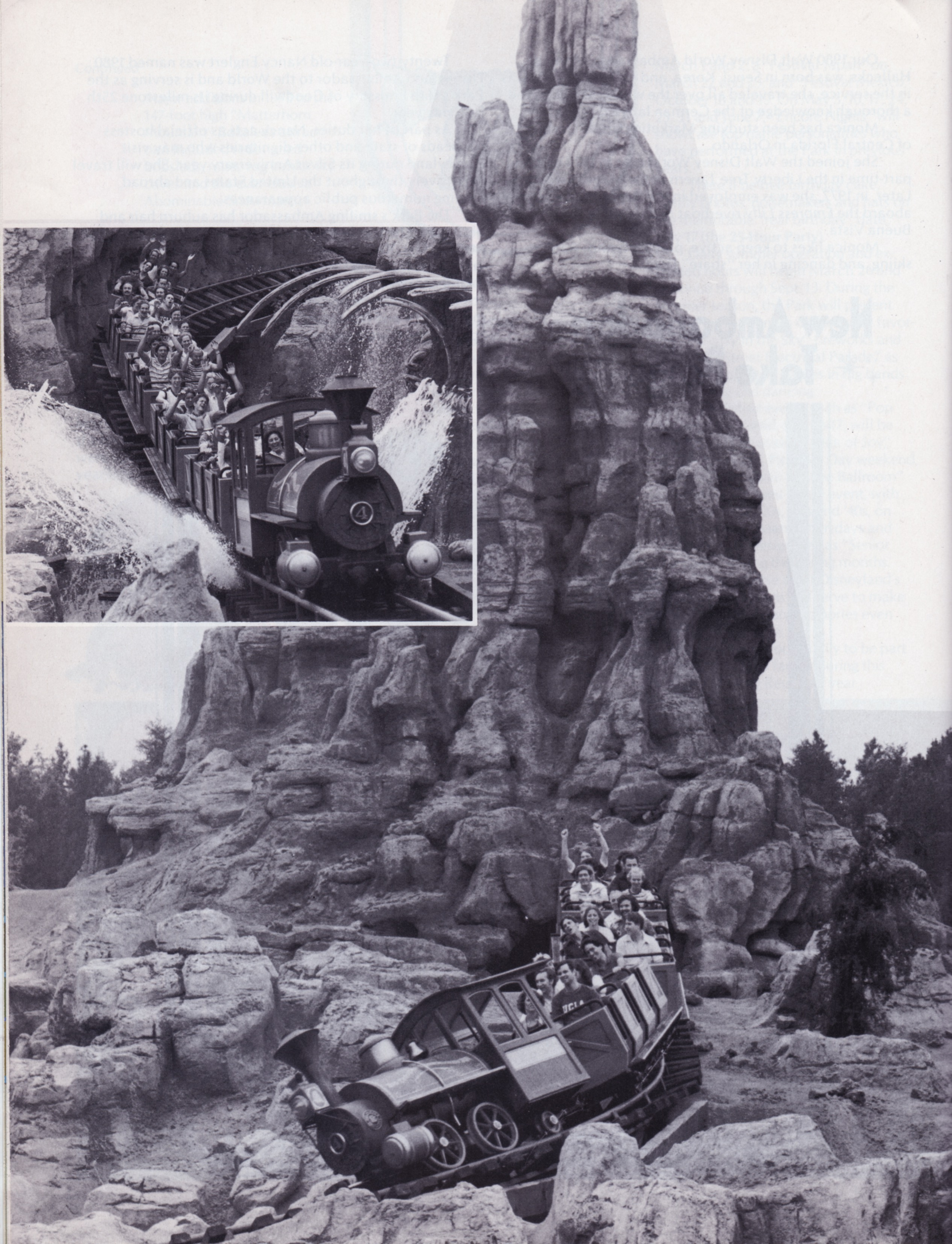
New Ambassadors Take Reign

Twenty-two-year-old Nancy Englert was named 1980 Disneyland Ambassador to the World and is serving as the Park's 16th Emissary of Goodwill during its milestone 25th birthday year.

As part of her duties, Nancy acts as official hostess for heads of state and other dignitaries who may visit Disneyland during its Silver Anniversary year. She will travel extensively throughout the United States and abroad, making numerous public appearances.

The Park's smiling Ambassador has auburn hair and blue eyes. She was born in Pasadena and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Englert of Corona del Mar. Nancy graduated from the University of Arizona in 1979 with a degree in speech communications. She was selected for the strong qualities she possesses in the area of personality, intelligence and her natural ability to project the warm spirit of the Disney organization.

MONICA
NANCY



"Imagineering" Disneyland's Newest Attraction—
BIG THUNDER MOUNTAIN RAILROAD
by Tom Fitzgerald

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Disneyland's 59th and newest attraction, was brought to life by the Disney magic of "Imagineering." It is the unique process which created Walt's "dream" 25 years ago, and which continues to develop new ideas for Disneyland's near and distant future.

The wizardry of "Imagineering" is accomplished by the creative staff of WED Enterprises, (an acronym for Walter Elias Disney), the design and engineering team of the Disney organization. It is here that the seed for the Big Thunder show was planted more than seven years ago.

With a thrill show concept approved, "Imagineers" set to work creating Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. Artists created renderings of key show elements, which were arranged in a storyboard fashion until a unified theme emerged.

The transformation from renderings to reality began in WED's Dimensional Design department, where a variety of scale models was created for the attraction. Nine track layouts were produced at 1/20" scale size before designers were satisfied with the configuration.

The next step was to create a ¼" scale "show model," and it was here that a major design change was made. The Monument Valley motif of the rock work was changed to reflect the style of Utah's beautiful Bryce Canyon. Disney designers felt that the playful, fantasy-like appearance of the Bryce rock work would fit better with the scale and atmosphere of Disneyland.

Big Thunder was planned to be constructed on the tract of land once occupied by the "Mine Train Through Nature's Wonderland" attraction. The backwoods atmosphere of that area was the result of more than 20 years of tree growth, and the designers were anxious to preserve as much of the landscaping as possible. With the new Bryce Canyon setting, the aspen and pine trees of the acreage were now "in character," and much of the specimen size greenery remained intact.

But to achieve the "fantasy" feeling of the rock work and "make it look real," was far more intricate than the original design. To reproduce the complex structures of Big Thunder Mountain, a unique construction method was employed.

A ½" to 1' scale model was constructed to serve as a guide for the on-site production of the rock work. A grid pattern of ½" squares was drawn over the model, which was then cut into 1" slices.

A full scale grid, painted on a paved area backstage at Disneyland, provided the exact dimensions for the model-to-mountain enlarging process.

Iron rebar was then bent into proper contours, and assembled in formation. Next, the frames were filled in and covered with a wire mesh, called lath.

Finally, a concrete substance was poured over the lath and textured to give the rock its rough exterior.

The resulting rock work is believed to be the most elaborate texture and shape formation of its scope and size ever attempted. The mountain building process was, however, just one part of the Big Thunder story.

Back at WED Enterprises, key show elements were being readied. Imagineers were busily creating shimmering phosphorescent pools, tumbling avalanches, flying bats and even a splash-down finale for the railroad adventure.

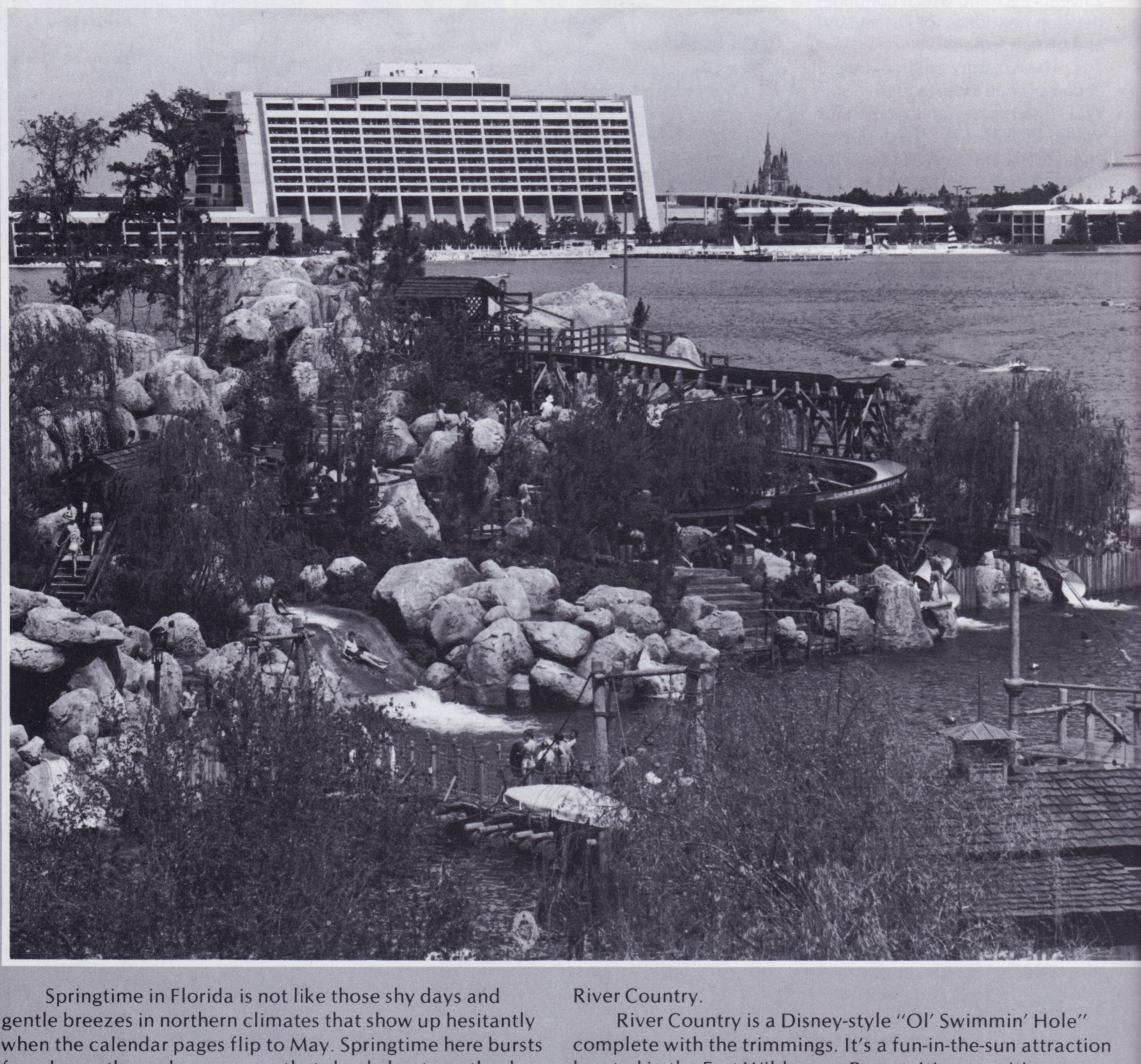
Nearby at MAPO, the manufacturing and prototype development division of Walt Disney Productions, the specially designed trains and ore cars for Big Thunder were assembled and tested.

At Disneyland, designers were putting the final touches on Big Thunder Mountain. Artists spent weeks recreating an authentic mining atmosphere for the new attraction. To dress the three-acre "set" required numerous pieces of what one designer calls "early American rust" . . . mining artifacts and relics from days gone by.

Finally, in September of 1979, after more than two years of construction, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad opened to Disneyland guests.

Big Thunder is literally the "wildest ride in the wilderness," but it's truly just another step in the addition of new adventures which Disneyland will offer to the public in the years ahead. As Walt Disney remarked at the Tencennial anniversary celebration of the Magic Kingdom, ". . . we're just getting started."

The Ol' Swimmin'

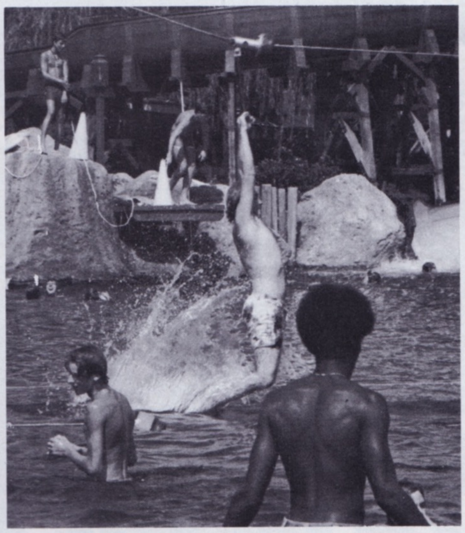


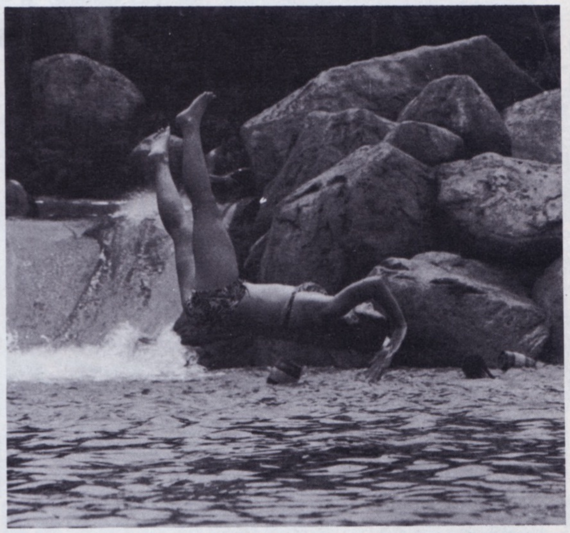
Springtime in Florida is not like those shy days and gentle breezes in northern climates that show up hesitantly when the calendar pages flip to May. Springtime here bursts from beneath a red-orange sun that slowly heats up the day, sending water-lovers and sunbathers grabbing for their swimsuits and searching for the perfect spot to start that tan off right. It must be a place swelling with sparkling clear water surrounded by a carpet of white beach and literally drenched in warm sunshine. The place they head for? River Country.

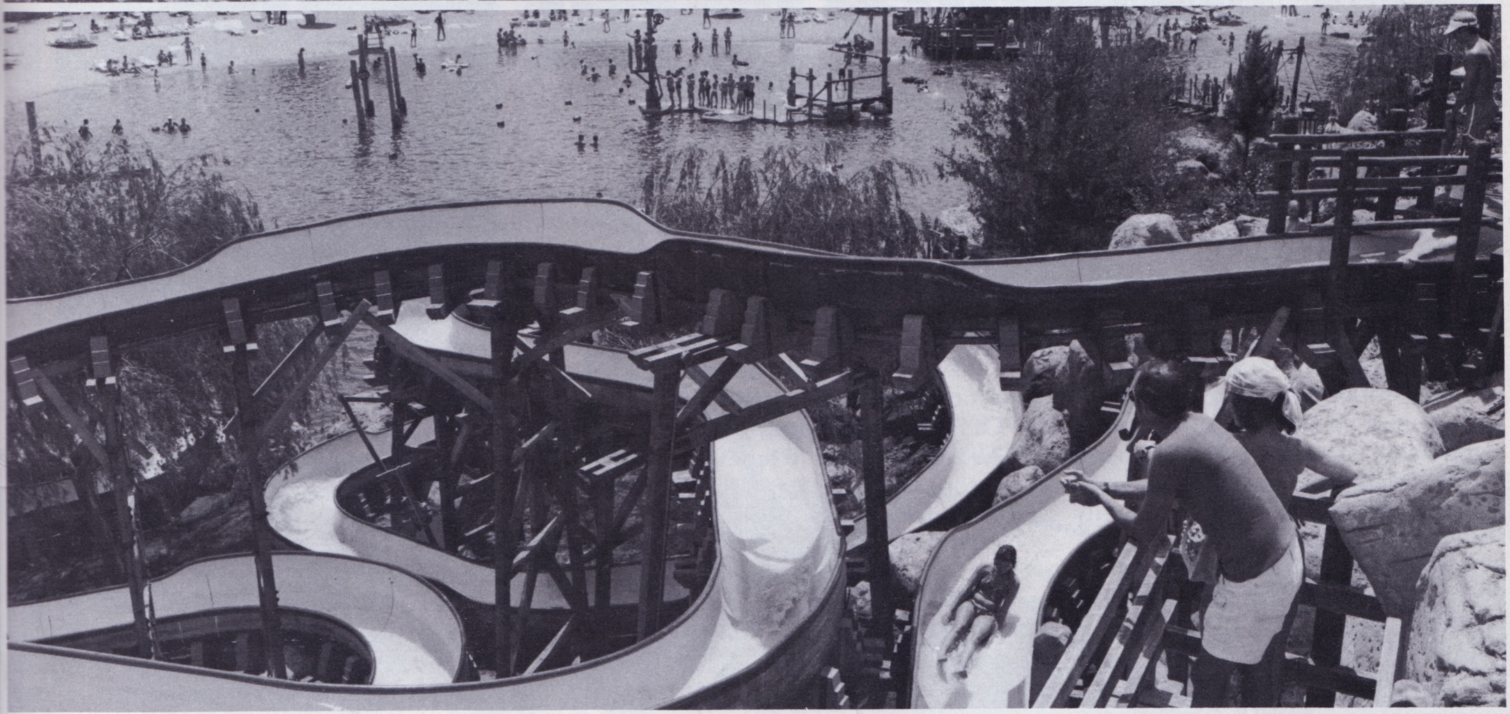
River Country is a Disney-style "Ol' Swimmin' Hole" complete with the trimmings. It's a fun-in-the-sun attraction located in the Fort Wilderness Resort. It's an exciting recreation complex where you can splash, ride, and slide into the water in umpteen different ways.

In the giant flumes of "Whoop 'N Holler Hollow," adventurous guests are propelled by fast-moving streams of water down snake-like slides—one 260 feet long from top to

Hole







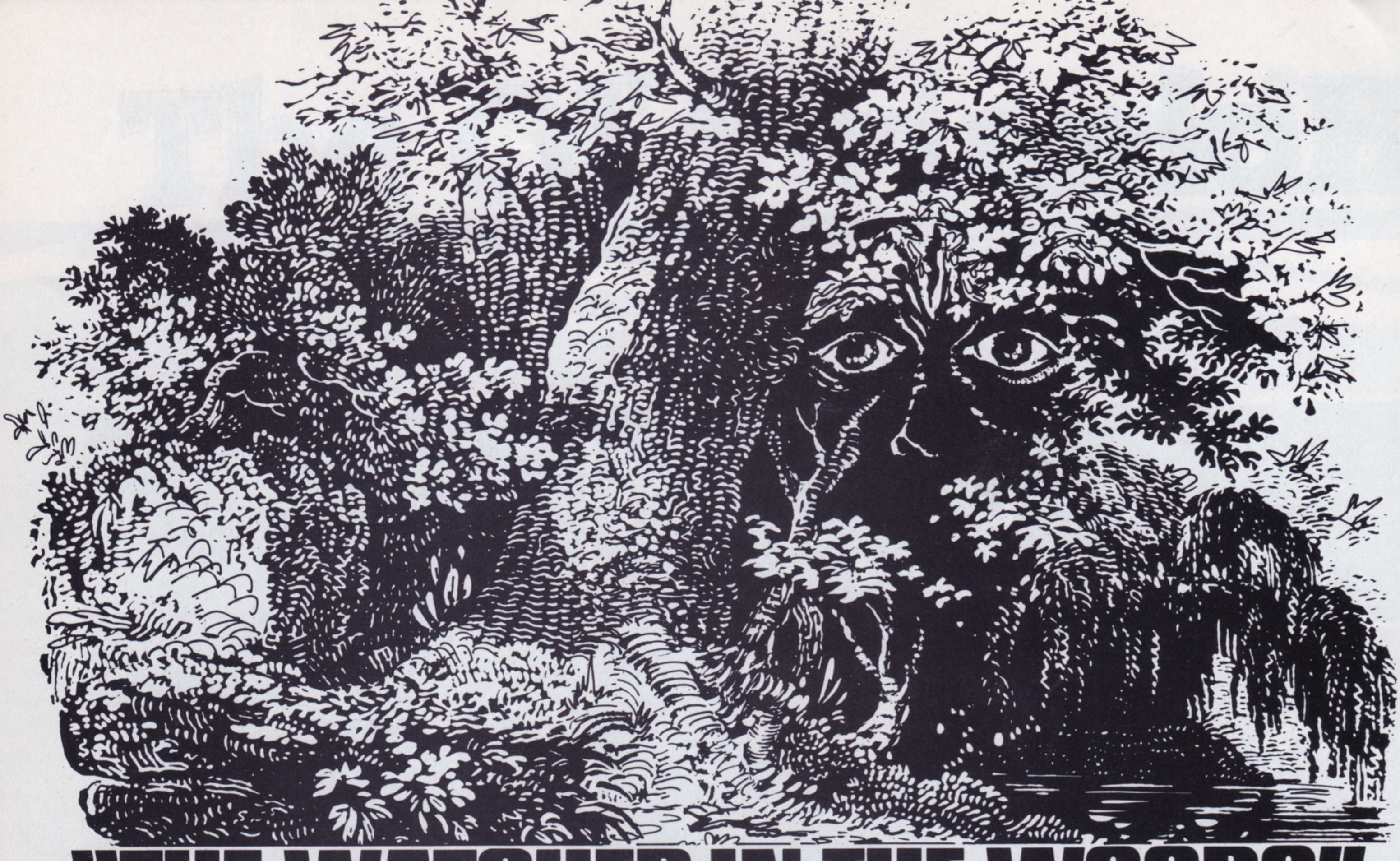
splashing finale. Other aquatic roughriders take innertube rafts on a twisting, turning, churning, journey through the swirling currents of "White Water Rapids."

The Swimmin' Hole itself, cut from the shores of Bay Lake, is filled with sparkling 'mountain' water constantly in motion as young and old alike swing out on tires, ropes and booms for more splashin' fun.

Nearby, the "Upstream Plunge" provides a year-round spa with "Slippery Slide Falls" as its excitement centerpiece. Sliders ride watery slopes between the boulders toward to a verticle drop into the crystal clear waters of the heated pool.

On the quieter side of River Country, weeping willows and giant cypress trees provide a welcome change of pace. Winding through the adjacent bayou, a cypress boardwalk affords a close look at Florida fauna and flora.

Gift-wrapped in the pleasant Florida climate, River Country is the perfect spot for those who travel in search of water, sun and fun.



"THE WATCHER IN THE WOODS"

It's Out There . . . Somewhere in the Darkness . . . Watching . . . Waiting!

"The Watcher in the Woods" is Walt Disney Productions' newest chilling occult thriller—scheduled for release in May 1980.

Starring Bette Davis, Carroll Baker, David McCallum, Lynn-Holly Johnson, Ian Bannen and Kyle Richards, the film unfolds as two American girls are haunted by a terrifying alien "watcher" when their parents rent an old mansion sequestered in the heart of the English woods. The two sisters encounter many harrowing experiences which eventually drive Jan (LYNN-HOLLY JOHNSON), with the help of a lonely, old woman (BETTE DAVIS) to unearth a 30-year-old mystery which has plagued the lives of many.

Celebrating her golden 50th anniversary as a film star, legendary BETTE DAVIS stars in "The Watcher in the Woods," as a reclusive, slightly eccentric English woman who mourns the strange disappearance of her daughter and enlists the help of a visiting American family to solve the 30-year-old enigma and confront its weird, otherworldly manifestations.

The winner of two cherished Academy Awards, Miss Davis has received eight Academy Award nominations and starred in over 80 films.

Most recently, she received an Emmy Award for her exuberant TV performance in "Strangers."

Miss Davis has starred in a vast repertoire of classics including "Of Human Bondage," "Dangerous," "All About Eve," "Jezebel," "Dark Victory," "The Letter," "The Great Lie," "The Little Foxes," "New Voyager," "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?," "Hush . . . Hush Sweet Charlotte," "Return From Witch Mountain" and "Death on the Nile." The first woman to hold the title of president of the American Film Institute, she received the AFI Achievement Award in 1977.

"The Watcher in the Woods" is Miss Davis' second film for Walt Disney Productions and for director John Hough (her first was "Return From Witch Mountain").

Executive producer Ron Miller gathered an impressive assembly of talent for "The Watcher in the Woods," co-produced by Tom Leetch with Hugh Attwooll as associate producer. Director John Hough elicited the awesome mood of the story from his vast experience in mystery films, including "Treasure Island," "Legend of Hell House," "Escape to Witch Mountain" and "Return From Witch Mountain."

The spectacular and awesome (otherworld) special effects sequences were created by Leon Harris. Harris, a renowned illustrator and art director, has used his special design artistry on 165 films including "Silverstreak," "Star Trek" and Disney's "The Black Hole."

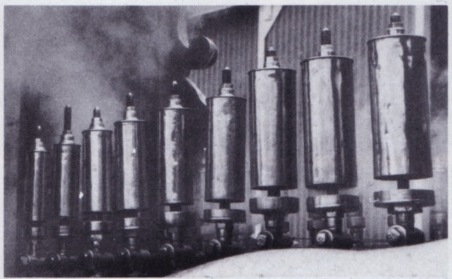
Two Academy Award-winners supervised the special effects: Art Cruickshank, who won an Academy Award in 1967 for "Fantastic Voyage," is director of miniature photography. Danny Lee, director of mechanical special effects, won an Academy Award in 1971 for "Bedknobs and Broomsticks."

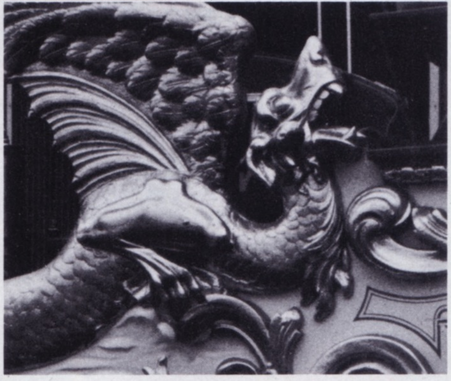
In 70mm "Technovision" and color by Technicolor, "The Watcher in the Woods" screenplay was written by Brian Clemmens and Rosemary Anne Sisson based on the book by Florence Engel Randall. Buena Vista is releasing the film.

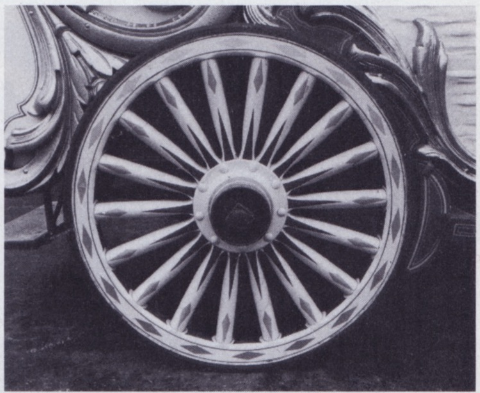
"SHOWSTOPPER"

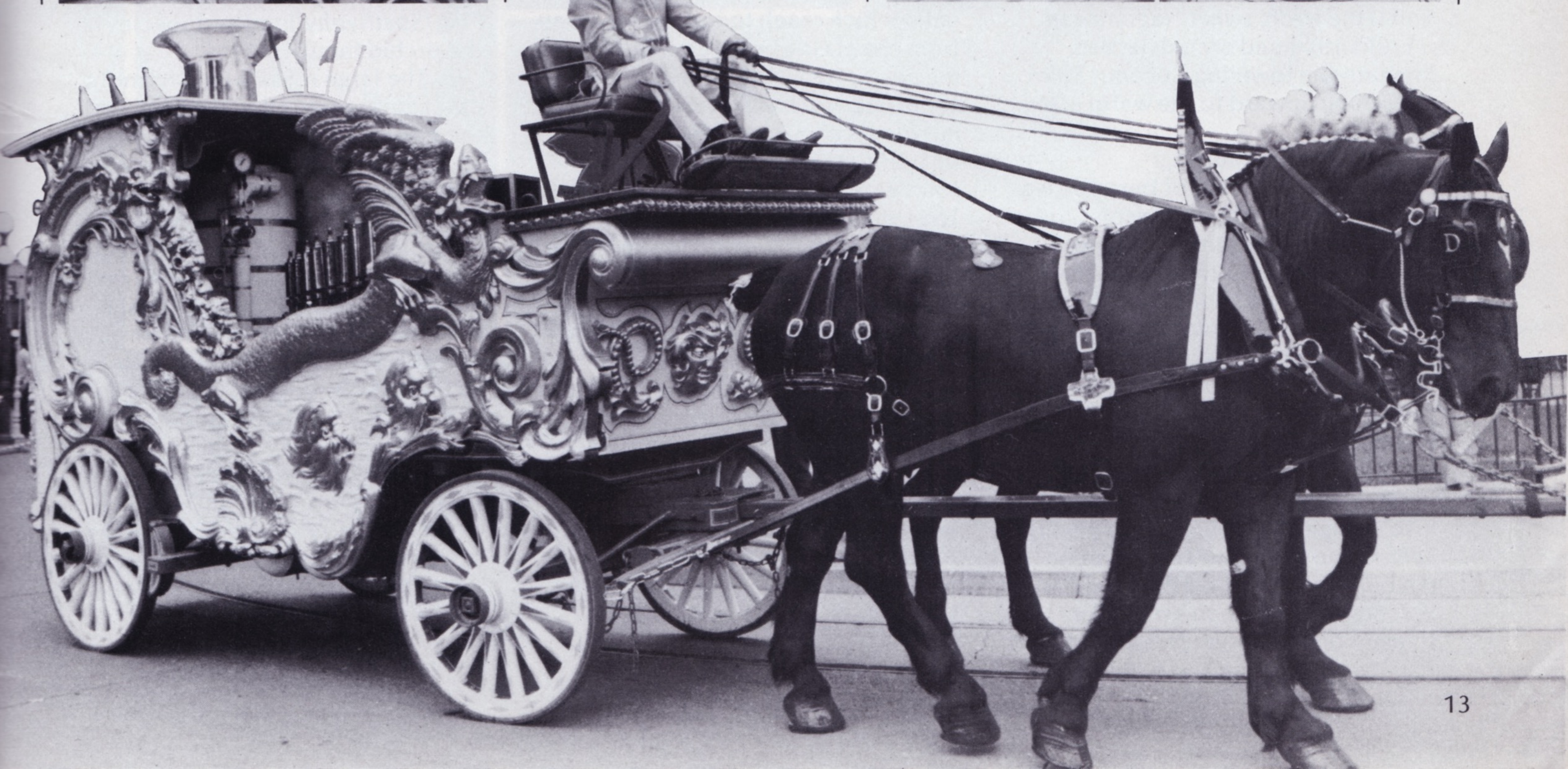
A 1907 steam calliope, used in Disneyland's opening day parade on July 17, 1955, is daily being featured as the showstopping finale unit in the Park's 25th Birthday Parade. The calliope is pulled by six magnificent black Percherons—champions in the "team of six" category for draft horses in the 1979 Los Angeles County Fair.

Recently the sparkling splendor of this historical instrument was restored so that it could be used in parades throughout the year 1980. On the carriage, hand-carved decorations in wood are resplendent in their new colors of silver and blue. This same vehicle dates back to the Mugivan and Bowers shows in England circa 1907. It was sold to Ken Maynard's Diamond K. Circus in 1936. When Disney acquired circus wagons for the 1955 Mickey Mouse Club Circus, and the lost art of wagon making was rediscovered at the Disney Studio, this calliope became one of the finest showpieces in the Disneyland Circus.









Polynesian Paradise

Welcome to an island paradise. Listen. You'll hear the soothing sound of a cascading shower of cool sparkling water splashing down over steps of feather rock lava, settling into a crystal clear pool below. Breathe in. Smell the fresh, sweet fragrance of a brilliantly-hued orchid nestled beneath the towering Coconut Palm stretching upward to the warm afternoon sun.

Ahhhh—paradise!

Though this kind of paradise was once exclusively for Robinson Crusoe-like beachcombers now it's even closer than the South Seas. At the Walt Disney World Vacation Kingdom, landscape artists have re-created a tropical jungle paradise in the atrium of the Great Ceremonial House in the center of the Polynesian Village Resort Hotel.

Bidding all guests a friendly "aloha," this extensive collection of lush foliage carries you off to a South Seas island with your first step into the building. The focal point of the Polynesian Village, this miniature rain forest is one of the largest indoor collections of tropic and sub-tropic plant life in Florida.

More than seventy-five different species of plants thrive in this two hundred fifty-square -foot jungle. The largest of these are the five species of palm which reach to just inches away from the glass-domed ceiling. Towering nearly forty feet from the floor is the large Coconut Palm *(Cocos nucifera)* called the "Tree of Heaven" by islanders since its fruit provides a source of food, juice, butters and oils. The Coconut Palm can be found in virtually all the tropic and sub-tropic regions of the world, while the Areca Palm *(chrysalidocarpus lutescens)* and the Travelers Palm *(Ravenala madagascariensis)* are native only to Madagascar and the Kentia Palm *(Howea forsterana)* and the Queen Alexander Palm *(Ptychospermom elegans)* are found in Australia.

In the shade of the palms' graceful crowns of feathery leaves grow several species of smaller ground cover plants. Forming a carpet of lush greenery are a number of Prayer Plants *(Maranta leuconeura),* Creeping Philodendrons *(Pothos aurea)* and Spider Plants *(Chlorophytum cosmosum).*

Painting the atrium with vivid colors are the blossoms of several flowering species such as the Flowering Banana *(Musa coccinea),* the Gardenia *(Gardenia grandiflora)* and members of the anthurium family. Several species of the Bromeliad including Ornamental Pineapple *(Ananas striatus, M.B. Foster)* are planted in this garden, dabbing more color throughout the greenery. And scattered in planned casualness are species of Ginger *(Hedychium),* White Flag *(Spathyphyllum)* and species in the orchid family.

The large rocks which form the cascading waterfall in the center of the atrium are authentic hardened lava identical to that found on volcanic Polynesian islands like Hawaii.

Some twelve to fifteen hundred plants thrive in their nearly perfect climate of a constant 70°-78°F. An underground irrigation system supplies the plants with an ideal amount of water and the continually flowing waterfall provides just the right level of humidity. The large glass-enclosed roof allows all the foliage ample opportunity to bask in the Florida sunshine.

Planned as a warm island welcome for visitors to the Polynesian Village, this landscaped splendor offers a taste of paradise, seldom so easily accessible.

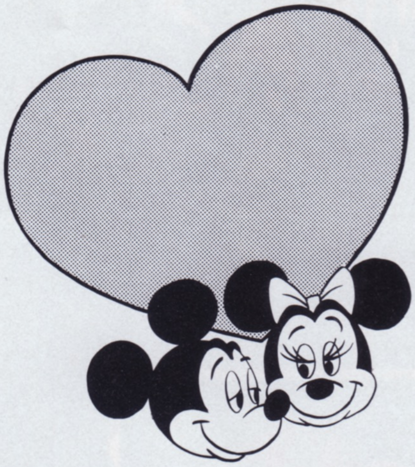
IN AND AROUND WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS

Walt Disney World®

The *World Series of Entertainment* continues this spring with three dazzling nights of extra-special entertainment. Friday, April 26 and Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, top-name rock entertainers will be performing throughout the Magic Kingdom. A special ticket for each night includes unlimited use of all the Magic Kingdom attractions (except Shootin' Gallery).

Easter in the Magic Kingdom means extended park operating hours (8 a.m.-midnight) plus "Fantasy in the Sky" fireworks and the return of the Main Street Electrical Parade, March 29-April 12. And, on Easter Sunday, April 6, the annual Easter Promenade rolls down Main Street, U.S.A. kicking off a full day of celebrations.

May brings *Young at Heart Days* when those 55 and over enjoy unlimited use of their favorite Magic Kingdom attractions (except Shootin' Gallery and Discovery Island) with a special-value ticket available May 5-16.



In a special salute to the Armed Forces, the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom presents *Armed Forces Days,* May 17 through June 1, when members of all Armed Forces and their families are entitled to purchase special tickets good for one day's unlimited use of the more than 45 Magic Kingdom attractions (except Shootin' Gallery and Discovery Island).

Television

New made-for-television movies dominate the Spring episodes of "Disney's Wonderful World" on NBC.

"Sultan and the Rock Star" stars Tim Hutton as a teenage rock singer who attempts to rescue a 400-pound Bengal tiger from the island fortress of a ruthless millionaire.

"The Kids Who Knew Too Much" are model airplane enthusiasts who try to stop a conspiracy to assassinate the Russian premier. Aiding the kids are a gutsy investigative reporter (Sharon Gless) and a Los Angeles police lieutenant (Lloyd Haynes).

Gary Collins and Mary Ann Mobley star in "The Secret of Lost Valley," a survival adventure about a family camping trip that becomes a nightmare when a 12-year-old boy becomes lost in the wilderness.

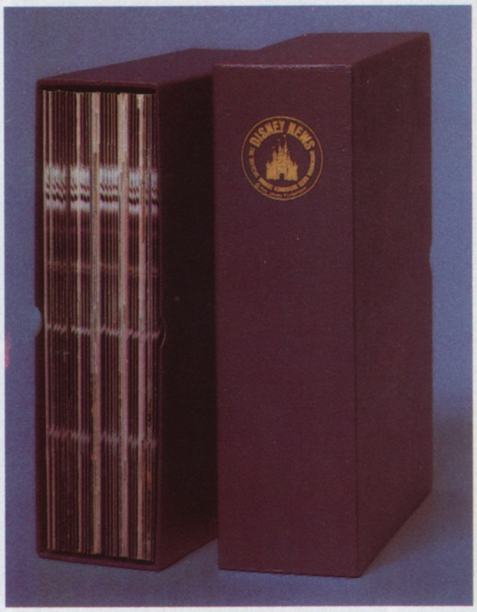
Filmed entirely in the exotic islands of French Polynesia, "The Whale's Tooth" concerns a young Mali boy who is captured by an enemy tribe. With the aid of a giant sea turtle, he is able to escape and return the sacred symbol of his people (the whale's tooth) to his village.

"Disney's Oscar Winners," an extravaganza of highlights from four decades of Disney animation, is scheduled to air in April. Academy Award-winning cartoons include "The Country Cousin," "Ferdinand the Bull," Mickey Mouse in "Lend a Paw" and Donald Duck in "Der Fuehrer's Face."

Oscar-winning special effects and music brighten scenes from "Mary Poppins," "Fantasia," "Pinocchio" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Making its television debut is "The Footloose Fox," a wildlife adventure about a fox cub who teams with a badger to survive wilderness dangers.

"Disney's Wonderful World," television's longest-running prime time series, airs at 7:00 p.m., Sundays on NBC.



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This year, its 25th year of operation, will understandably be the most exciting in Disneyland's history. Elsewhere in this issue, a feature article describes events that will take place during the Park's year-long 25th Family Reunion. Here is a calendar of events which are subject to change without notice:

Disneyland® 25

1980 Birthday Schedule of Events

MARCH
1 & 2, Festival Canada
8 & 9, Bear Country Weekend
14, Nite of Joy
15 & 16, St. Patrick's Weekend
22 & 23, Festival Japan
29 to 31, Easter Celebration

APRIL
1 to 5, Easter Celebration
12 & 13, Main Street Weekend
26 & 27, Make Believe Ballroom

MAY
3, Encore Entertainment Nite
10, Encore Entertainment Nite
17, Encore Entertainment Nite
24 & 25, Encore Entertainment Nites
31 Encore Entertainment Nite

JUNE
7, Encore Entertainment Nite
14, Summer Entertainment Begins

JULY
16 & 17, 25 Hour Party

SEPTEMBER
6, Summer Entertainment Ends
13, Date Nite

OCTOBER
18 & 19, Festival Mexico

NOVEMBER
27 to 30, Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER
20 to Jan. 3, Very Merry Christmas Parade
31, New Year's Eve

In addition, beginning February 7 through June 5, Senior Citizens 50 or over can enjoy specially discounted tickets including admission and coupons valued at $15.00 for only $6.50. For further information on Senior Fun Days, call (714) 999-4116 or (213) 626-8605.

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Music and Records

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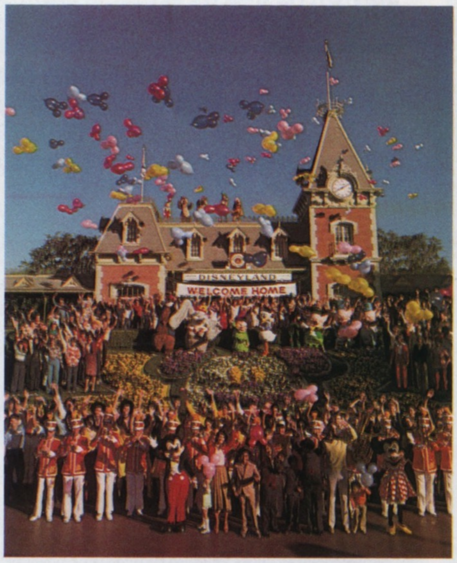
"The Black Hole" continues to make chart-topping sales. The entire line, from "The Black Hole" Storyteller to the Little LP and Storyteller Cassettes, has proven to be as popular as the blockbuster motion picture.



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Disneyland is open Wednesday through Sunday during the fall, winter and spring seasons. The operating hours are 10 AM to 6 PM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9 AM to 7 PM on the weekends. The Park will be open until midnight March 29-April 5. April 6 (Easter Sunday), 9 AM to 10 PM and open Monday and Tuesday, April 7 & 8, 10 AM to 6 PM.

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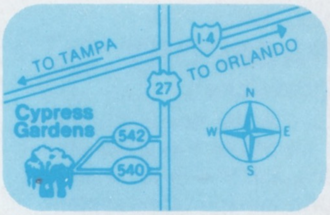

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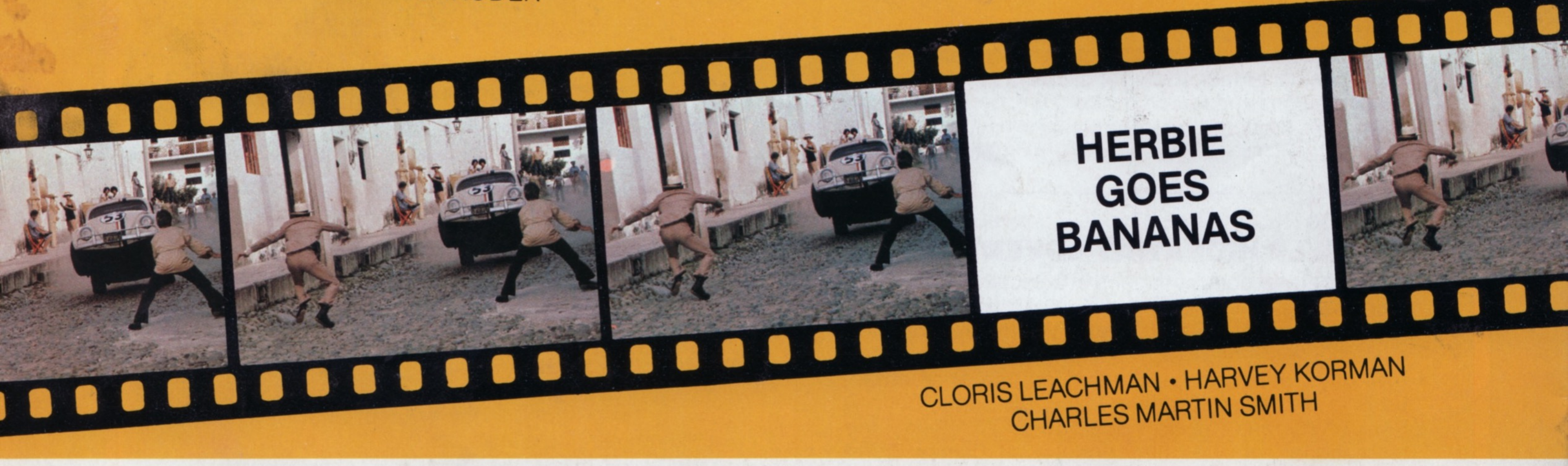

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